

1-1 By: Huffines S.B. No. 409
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 3, 2017; February 1, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 3, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 1; April 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the jurisdiction of county and justice courts in civil
 1-20 matters.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 26.042(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) A county court has concurrent jurisdiction with the
 1-25 justice courts in civil cases in which the matter in controversy
 1-26 exceeds \$200 in value but does not exceed \$20,000 [~~\$10,000~~],
 1-27 exclusive of interest.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 27.031(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction and powers provided by
 1-31 the constitution and other law, the justice court has original
 1-32 jurisdiction of:

1-33 (1) civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is
 1-34 not in the district or county court and in which the amount in
 1-35 controversy is not more than \$20,000 [~~\$10,000~~], exclusive of
 1-36 interest;

1-37 (2) cases of forcible entry and detainer;

1-38 (3) foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens
 1-39 on personal property in cases in which the amount in controversy is
 1-40 otherwise within the justice court's jurisdiction; and

1-41 (4) cases arising under Chapter 707, Transportation
 1-42 Code, outside a municipality's territorial limits.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a cause of action filed
 1-44 on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action filed
 1-45 before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately before
 1-46 that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-47 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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